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12. A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, wherein the temperature is reduced below a smetic phase temperature.

13. A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device according to claim 12, wherein the temperature is increased above the smetic phase temperature.

14. A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device according to claim 12, wherein the temperature is reduced to about -20°C .

15. A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the ferroelectric liquid crystal includes an anti-ferroelectric liquid crystal.

16. A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the smetic phase includes a chiral smetic C.

17. A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the smetic phase includes a chiral smetic C_A .

18. A method of improving the contrast ratio of a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

forming a liquid crystal panel having a first substrate, a second substrate, and an interposed ferroelectric liquid crystal layer that is comprised of liquid crystal molecules;

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thermally increasing the alignment of the liquid crystal molecules; and
passing light through said liquid crystal panel.

19. A method of improving the contrast ratio of a liquid crystal display device according to claim 18, wherein thermally increasing the alignment of the liquid crystal molecules includes reducing the temperature.

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20. A method of improving the contrast ratio of a liquid crystal display device according to claim 19, wherein the temperature is reduced below a smectic phase temperature.

21. A method of improving the contrast ratio of a liquid crystal display device according to claim 20, wherein the temperature is increased above the smectic phase temperature.--

REMARKS

New Claims 10-21 are added. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

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